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| 1. This communication is responsive to <u>1/4/05</u> .   |  |   |
| 2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3 and 6-10.   |  |   |
| 3. The drawings filed on <u>04 January 2005</u> are accepted by the Examiner.  |  |   |
| <ul> <li>4.  Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority</li> <li>a)  All b)  Some* c)  None of the:</li> <li>1.  Certified copies of the priority documents hat</li> <li>2.  Certified copies of the priority documents hat</li> <li>3.  Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents hat</li> <li>International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).</li> <li>* Certified copies not received:</li> </ul> | ve been received.<br>ve been received in Application N   | ło  |
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| 6. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.   |  |   |
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| 1)  hereto or 2)  to Paper No./Mail Date   |  |   |
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| of Biological Material   | 9.  Other  | HENRY HUNG NGUYEN PRIMARY EXAMINER  |

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## **DETAILED ACTION**

## Reasons for Allowance

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Claims 1-3, 8-10 have been found to be allowable over the prior art of record since the prior art of either alone or in combination, neither discloses nor makes obvious the combination of an image recording apparatus comprising a laser exposing unit and a heat developing unit being positioned adjacent to each other on a horizontal plane, along with a mounting tray which is positioned below the laser exposing unit and the heat development unit or the mounting tray is positioned above the laser exposing unit and the heat developing unit. Applicant's arguments are deemed persuasive and incorporated herein by reference.

Claims 6-10 have been found to be allowable since the prior art of record either alone or in combination, neither discloses nor makes obvious the combination of an image recording apparatus comprising, among other features, a supporting plate supporting the recording material in the laser exposing unit, two depressing rollers with particular function, and along with a mounting tray, with specific arrangement, as recited in the instant claims.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hung Henry V Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-272-2124. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (First Friday off).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Judy Nguyen can be reached on 571-272-2258. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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